

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

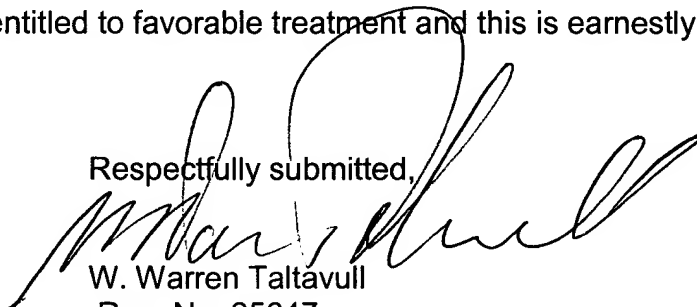
A proposed drawing correction to remove the numeral 83 from the drawing is submitted herewith. Upon allowance correction of the formal drawings will be effected.

With one exception, the Examiner's suggestions for amendments to claims 17-24 have been adopted above. The exception is the proposal that claims 17 and 24 recite that the partition wall be in the form of an open ended tube. Applicant does not believe that the cited patents require the limitation particularly since the actual shape of the partition wall is of secondary importance. In any event, these claims are now amended to describe the treatment chamber as a zone instead of a chamber. Also, these claims already specify that the wall defines the open end of this zone. Accordingly and in view of the amendments made as suggested by the Examiner, it is submitted that claims 17-27 are now in full compliance with Section 112.

The indication of patentable subject matter in original claims 17-27 is gratefully acknowledged.

Having addressed all of the points raised in the Office action, it is believed that the application is now entitled to favorable treatment and this is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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